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## HOUSE BILL 1429 By West

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, relative to waiver of rights by certain health facilities.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 68-11-259. A nursing home, assisted-care living facility, or home for the aged, as such facilities are defined in § 68-11-201, shall not require any Medicaid-eligible resident to waive any federal or state rights to which such Medicaid recipients are entitled before granting admission to such nursing home, assisted-care living facility or home for the aged.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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